

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 61 are requested to be canceled, and new claims 62 to 88 are requested to be added. Upon entry of the proposed amendments, claims 62 to 88 would be pending.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons which follow.

Examiner Interview

Applicant takes this opportunity to thank the Examiner for granting an interview with the applicant and the applicant's counsel on May 21, 2003. During this interview, the Examiner agreed that the proposed amendments would likely overcome the outstanding rejections.

35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 17-19 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as nonenabling. In the proposed amendments, claim 17 is redrafted as new claim 74 and claim 21 is canceled. The proposed amendments obviate this rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-11, 15-26, 41-61 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In the proposed amendments, claims 9 and 20-23 are canceled, and claims 1, 15, 17 and 44 are redrafted as new claims 62, 70, 74 and 87, respectively. The proposed amendments obviate this rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-11, 16-26 and 41-61 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Reynolds (*Proceedings of the Nutrition Society of Australia* 19, 95-102, 1995) or Holt (*Biochem J.* 314, 1035, 1996). As discussed with the Examiner during the interview of May 21, 2003, the proposed amendments obviate this rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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